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1. IN THE COURSE OF AMEETING ON SEVERAL SUBJECTS WITH THE AMBASSADOR AT THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFIARS THIS MORNING (FEB 16), UNDERSECRETARY ARUN STATED THAT THE QUESTION OF A VISIT BY THE USS KITTY HAWK AND ITS ACCOMPANYING VESSELS HAD BEEN REVIEWED BY THE PRIME MINISTER AND THAT THAILAND WOULD BE VERY PLEASED TO RECEIVE THE KITTY HAWK TASK FORCE. ARUN SAID THAT FOR VARIOUS REASONS INVOLVING BOTH DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN POLICY THE KITTY HAWK SHOULD NOT DEMONSTRATE FLIGHT OPERATIONS AS WAS DONE LAST YEAR BY CONSTELLATION.
 2. THE PRIME MINISTER AND GOVERNMENT HAD ALSO DECIDED THAT IT WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE FOR ANY MEMBERS OF THE
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ROYAL FAMILY TO VISIT THE KITTY HAWK. OTHER HIGH-RANKING OFFICALS AND PERSONALITIES WOULD BE PLEASED TO VISIT THE SHIP. ARUN SAID THAT M.L. THAWISAN LADAWAN, THE KING'S PRIVATE SECRETARY, HAD BEEN INFORMED OF THE GOVERNEMENT'S DECISION.

3. UNDERSECRETARY ARUN COMMENTED THAT PRIME MINISTER

KRIANGSAK WOULD BE LEAVING FOR PEKING ON MARCH 23 AND WOULD PROBABLY BE RETURNING TO THAILAND AT THE TIME OF THE NAVAL VISIT. HE NOTED THAT AMER ONE WAS SCHEDULED TO OPEN MARCH 23 AND THE PRIME MINISTER MIGHT INAUGURATE THE ROUTE ON HIS WAY TO PEKING VIA HONG KONG.

4. FOR CINCPAC: THE FOREGOING EMERGED AS A RESULT OF OUR EFFORTS TO CLARIFY STATUS OF KITTY HAWK VISIT WITH THE RTG, GIVEN THE MAJOR DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVES OF THE THAI WITH THEIR NEIGHBORS. IN THE COURSE OF THESE TALKS WE HAD INFORMALLY RAISED THE QUESTION OF A VISIT BY THE CROWN PRINCE OR OTHER MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL FAMILY AS WELL AS SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT.

5. NOTWITHSTANDING LIMITATIONS PUT ON BY THE RTG, I AM SURE THE VISIT WILL BE A SUCCESS.
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